

PATENT APPLICATION Docket No. 11675.119.1.1

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

| In re application of | | The second second |
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| | Fernando Gonzalez et al. | The second |
| Serial No.: | 09/392,034 |) Art Unit |
| Filed: | September 8, 1999 |) 2814 (Solution) (Solution) |
| For: | METHOD FOR FORMING A SELF-ALIGNED ISOLATION TRENCH | |
| Evaminer: | Anh D. Mai |) |

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that the shortened statutory period that was set for responding to the Office Action dated January 30, 2003 be extended for three months until July 30, 2003.

Credit Card Payment Form PTO-2038 in the amount of \$930.00 is enclosed herewith for payment of the fee associated with this Petition, as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee or to credit any overpayment in connection with this Petition to Deposit Account No. 23-3178.

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefore and charge any additional fees that may be required to Deposit Account No. 23-3178.

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Dated this 30th day of July 2003.

Respectfully submitted,

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